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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussion with the consent of the Senate.

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Academic Senate Minutes
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Call to Order

Outgoing Vice-Chairperson Steve Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401.

Seating of Senators

Mr. Carroll welcomed the new senators and invited them to be seated as members of the Senate. (See Appendix for election results).

Roll Call

The Vice-Chairperson called the roll and declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

VIII, 108 A motion (McMahan/Carlile) to approve the minutes of the February 23, 1977 Senate meeting carried. In the minutes of February 9, 1977, p. 7, line 4, the word "construction" should read "instruction."

Administrators' Remarks

Provost Horner explained to the Academic Senate the situation confronting the University's laboratory schools. He provided senators with a copy of the statement he had made to the faculty of the laboratory schools earlier in the day and noted that no decision in which he had ever been involved was more agonizing or difficult than the one he communicated to them. Because of budgetary cutbacks it will be necessary to phase out the University's laboratory schools over the next two to three years. He said there is no way out of the situation, and explained that a review of alternative possibilities continued through the previous day. Provost Horner thanked Dr. Benjamin Hubbard, Professor of Educational Administration and University Professor, for his involvement as an expert in school law and finance in the search for alternatives. Likewise, the Provost thanked Dr. G. Alan Hickrod, Chairperson of the Senate Budget Committee and Ira Cohen, Chairperson of the Senate, for their time in discussing the situation. He explained Dean Robert Burnham of the College of Education had been in Springfield the night before exploring alternatives with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joseph Cronin and Dr. Nelson F. Ashline, Executive Deputy Superintendent of the State Board of Education. Provost Horner then invited questions from senators.

Mr. Goldstein asked if there was any possibility of legislative action taking place. Provost Horner answered that some sort of legislation would probably be introduced. However, he cited a letter the school districts received from Dr. Ashline summarizing the position of the Illinois Office of Education. In the letter, Dr. Ashline conceded the legality of the contractual arrangements, but expressed the view that they are "not the type of agreements anticipated or contemplated by the legislature." He stated that the contracts would be permitted for one more year but that the local districts "should be aware that this office is in the process of developing

forms on which such joint agreements as yours must be executed, and said forms will preclude financial arrangements of the type in question." Mr. Hicklin said he thought Mr. Ashline was very explicit in his letter. ISU is just the bystander in this situation; the letter was sent to the school districts. Mr. VanDeVoort stated that he was personally upset by this situation, and he hoped that everyone else was, too. Although things happened very quickly, he realized not much could be done about it. He thought this would have an extremely profound impact on this as a teacher-training institution, and hoped that we were not just rolling over on this matter. Provost Horner said he was involved personally, too, with children of his attending both of the lab schools.

Despite widespread belief to the contrary, Provost Horner said, the College of Education does not view the lab schools as essential to teacher training at ISU; the lab schools' main function is research, not teacher training. The training of teachers may be better handled in the public schools than in the idealized lab schools.

Mr. Smith said it is a terrible feeling for the University to be a bystander in this situation. Faculty members are hurt as well as children and parents. He asked if there was any way in which the university could provide some kind of legal assurance for due process for teachers that are released. People should have some sort of recourse for using the law. Provost Horner said that tenured faculty members' commitments will be honored to the maximum extent possible. They will return to their departments at ISU unless they choose to seek other employment. He said that it was unfortunate for those who have signed one-year contracts, because there is no assurance of employment beyond that one-year contract.

Mr. Carroll asked what alternative means there was available for educating the children. Provost Horner answered that the community is just becoming aware of the situation. Throughout the process to come, the following will be emphasized: Our primary concern is for students and their families and next for the faculty. Even with budgetary cuts of the expected magnitude (\$486,000) the lab schools will be better staffed than the public schools; we don't expect that quality will be harmed in relation to the public schools. Mr. Ritt inquired about the alternative of an enrollment cutback in proportion to the budgetary cutback. Provost Horner replied that he is advised they are as low in enrollment as is possible while remaining viable; Mr. Evans of Unit 5 has said he would have 1,000 students in U-High (as compared with the 450 students there now). Mr. Goldstein asked if District 87 and Unit 5 would lose money by continuing the present contractual arrangements, and the Provost replied they would gain financially by ending them as Mr. Steinburg of District 87 explained in the Pantagraph. Mr. Goldstein also asked if legal action were possible, and Provost Horner replied not one state agency against another, but possibly class action by parents. Mr. Young asked about the Mid Central Association contract with the University and the care which would be taken for the handicapped students. The Provost explained that the MCA contract is secure, that the handicapped will continue to be cared for. He added that Mr. Evans has been exceptionally sympathetic and helpful and that even in the most dire circumstance that these schools would not be used as schools. Mr. Evans assured him mainstreaming of the handicapped would be worked out.

Mr. Smith said he was glad Mr. Cohen was involved in the discussion the past few days. He said it was only too bad that someone from the Senate wasn't in on it sooner, before the final decisions were made. Provost Horner said

it wasn't until February 24 that they were notified in Unit 5 that contracts would not be continued. Referring to the minutes of February 23, Provost Horner said he had stated that the lab schools were in jeopardy and he would bring people up to date as things occurred. Drs. Cohen, Hubbard, and Hickrod have all been involved. The whole thing happened very rapidly. Ms. Upton asked for more information about Dr. Ashline, and the Provost replied both Dr. Ashline and Dr. Cronin have closed lab schools in other states.

Mr. VanDeVoort invited Ray Roderick, president of the student body at University High School to speak to the Senate. Mr. Roderick said that he feels the students at University High School receive a superior education. U-High provides valuable experience to college students. He said the U-High students are concerned and hope an alternative route to phasing out the university's relationship with the lab schools can be found.

Mr. Searight asked why tuition can't take care of this problem. Provost Horner answered that tuition money is not retained by the University; it goes to the State Treasury, and we could not be sure it would come back to ISU. He said the situation would be much more severe next year because ISU won't even be able to retain materials fees charges. Mr. March asked if any thought had been given to what will be done with the lab school facilities in the future. Provost Horner said that not much thought had been given to this yet. He said there was a strong possibility they would be used as school facilities, but not by the University. Some discussion can be pursued with the Unit 5 districts about this question.

VIII, 109 Mr. VanDeVoort questioned whether or not a sense of the Senate resolution would be appropriate. Mr. Emerson said it seemed to him that things had already been decided, so a letter to the legislature wouldn't do much good. Mr. Wilson said he thought it would be appropriate for the Senate to pass a sense of the Senate resolution, although the Senate may not be able to do much about the situation. A motion (Sims/Emerson) to have the Executive Committee draw up a letter to be sent to the appropriate people expressing the Senate's concern about the lab school situation was approved.

Student Body President's Remarks

The new Student Body President, Dan Rutherford said he was very optimistic about the new Senate. The new senators are young, fresh, dedicated, and enthusiastic, which should contribute to a productive Senate term. Mr. Rutherford introduced Mark Curatolo, Student Body Vice President, who will be working with Mr. Rutherford.

ACTION ITEMS:

Election of Officers

The election for Chairperson was held. Ira Cohen was elected on the nominating ballot.

The election for Vice-Chairperson was held. Kendall Christiansen was elected on the nominating ballot.

The election for Secretary was held. John Boaz was elected on the nominating ballot.

Election of Executive Committee

Lance Carlile and Dave VanDeVoort were elected on the nominating ballot as student members of the Executive Committee.

Elizabeth McMahan, Willard Moonan, and Thomas Wilson were elected as faculty members of the Executive Committee on the nominating ballot. Charles Hicklin was elected as a faculty member of the Executive Committee on the second ballot.

Election of Joint University Advisory Committee

Hans Karnstedt was elected to a one-year term on the Joint University Advisory Committee on the nominating ballot.

Janet Cook was elected to a three-year term on JUAC on the second ballot.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Cohen appointed Monte Law as Parliamentarian. He reminded senators to hand in their committee preference sheets and time schedules after the meeting or as soon as possible, as the Executive Committee will be setting up the committees at its next meeting March 16.

Chairperson Cohen said that the Executive Committee had met the previous day, and the following statement was approved and sent to the University Review Committee's chairperson, Provost Horner: "It is the sense of the Executive Committee, acting for the Academic Senate, that the University Review Committee is the body having the responsibility for interpretation of the policy documents concerning "Appointment, Salary, Promotion and Tenure Policies of Illinois State University."

Communications

Mr. Hicklin, a member of the Joint University Advisory Committee, said he had received the Board of Regents report today. The Board of Regents is meeting on this campus Thursday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m. He said that people concerned with the Board's policies on tenure will be relieved to know that staff recommendations have been toned down considerably and a great deal of emphasis on student evaluations has been added. He said that on first reading this does not affect our University as much as it does some of ISU's sister institutions. One of our sister institutions does not have quite as elaborate a policy on student evaluations as we do. The policy is still worded with program needs first.

Adjournment

VIII, 110 A motion (Hicklin/Quane) to adjourn was approved at 8:30 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson
John K. Boaz, Secretary

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Student Election Results

Student Association President/Vice President:

Dan Rutherford/Mark Curatolo	1852
Steve Carroll/Lisa Weseman	1004
Brian Bown/Tim Walker	622
Amy Inlander/Kent Broadvent	197

On-Campus Senate:

Dave Rice	848
Hans Karnstedt	823
John Sims	813
Marcia Weidner	786
Kathy Greathouse	738
Tibor Nagy, Jr.	727
Kathy Einan	690
Kendall Christiansen	677

--Runners-up--

Norman Phillips	649
Jo Collins	581
Les Beers	562
Gary Law	554
Jesse James Coronell	503
Jamie Comstock	495
Tim Keeney	450
Tina Goldstein	439
Marjorie Butz	437
Donald Taylor Mosley	261

Off-Campus Senate:

Lance Carlile	514
Robin Reed	475
Russ March	419
John Haneberg	405
Jerrie Massie	401
Ed Emerson	393
Daniel Hayes	397
Joanna Glockhoff	342

--Runners-up--

Tom Campagna	327
Ann Lohr	326
Monte Rifkin	310
Jim Phillips	265
Rodney W. Lentz	237
Ken Hanrath	234
Liz Croxville	228
Randy Mohr	221
Terry White	207
Ned Heflin	180
Arnold McCamey	165
Liz L. Brown	125
Victor F. Conway	70

Graduate Student Senate:

Cassie Kilroy	113
David Vandevoort	72

--Runners-up--

Kevin Korpach	69
Monte Law	50
Arthur B. Cooper	42

FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

College of Arts and Sciences

Group A:

Thomas Searight (Geography-Geology) 1978
Janet Cook (Mathematics) 1979
Kenneth Jesse (Physics) 1979
Robert Ritt (Mathematics) 1980

Group B:

Ira Cohen (History) 1978
Martin Young (Speech Pathology/Audiology) 1978
Willard Moonan (Milner Library) 1979
Thomas Wilson (Political Science) 1979
Melvin Goldstein (Psychology) 1980

Group C:

John K. Boaz (Information Science) 1978
Elizabeth McMahan (English) 1978
Ralph Smith (Information Science) 1979
Brigitta Kuhn (Foreign Languages) 1980

College of Applied Science and Technology

Charlotte Upton (HEIT) 1978
Reginald Henry (Agriculture) 1979
Robert Koehler (HPERD) 1980
Larry Quane (HEIT) 1980

College of Business

Martha Cattell (Business Administration) 1978
Roger Potter (Business Administration) 1979
Eugene Carey (Accounting) 1980

College of Education

Dent Rhodes (Curriculum & Instruction) 1978
Charles Hicklin (Curriculum & Instruction) 1979
Mack Bowen (Special Education) 1980
Elwood Egelston (Educational Administration) 1980

College of Fine Arts

Joe Natale (Art) 1978
Frank Vybiral (Theatre) 1979
Herbert Sanders (Music) 1980